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Grade: 6 Reading

Date _____

Theme Three Selection: 1

"Where the Red Fern Grows"

Read the selection.

Then, answer the following questions.

1. Why does Billy think Grandpa pays little attention to his plans?

- a) Billy probably thinks Grandpa doesn't believe he could save enough money.
- b) Billy probably doesn't think Grandpa likes him.
- c) Billy spends his money as fast as he gets it.

2. How does the author show that the fishermen really wants to help Billy earn the money?

- a) The author has the fishermen give Billy the money.
- b) The author has the fishermen buy vegetables even though they don't need them.
- c) The author has the fishermen buy the vegetables because they are hungry.
- d) The author has the fishermen sell Billy the fish they catch.

3. What detail does the author use to show that Grandpa tries to hide his tears?

- a) Grandpa pretends as though he has allergies.
- b) Grandpa hides under the counter.
- c) Grandpa turns and walks away, and stands with his back toward Billy.

4. A word that describes Billy's desire to have dogs is:

- a) envy
- b) jealousy
- c) courage
- d) determination

5. Why does Grandpa give Billy a ten-dollar bill?

- a) Grandpa is so proud of Billy.
- b) So Billy can buy candy for his sisters.
- c) So Billy can get a haircut.
- d) The price of dogs has dropped by ten dollars.

6. What does Billy do right before he arrives at the depot?

- a) He takes his dogs home.
- b) He buys his sisters candy.
- c) He stops by a playground.
- d) He buys his mother fabric.

7. Which is an antonym for cheap?

- a) expensive
- b) inexpensive
- c) bargain
- d) price

8. "My heart started acting like a grasshopper" is an example of:

- a) personification
- b) simile
- c) metaphor
- d) rhyme

9. "Anyone that is kind to birds surely wouldn't be mean to a boy" is an example of:

- a) fact
- b) opinion
- c) false Statement
- d) none of the Above

Open-ended Response

Identify one character trait to describe Billy. Explain why you chose that trait using 3 details from the story to support your response.

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Answer Key and Eligible Content

Item Number	Answer	Descriptor	Assessment Anchor
1	a	Inference	R6.A.1.3
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3	c	Inference	R6.A.2.3
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5	d	Details	R6.A.2.4
6	c	Sequence	R6.B.3.3.4
7	a	Antonyms	R6.A.1.1.2
8	b	Simile	R6.B.2.1.2
9	b	Opinion	R6.B.3.1.1

Open-ended Rubric

3 Points

Paragraph identifies a character trait to describe Billy and uses 3 examples to support the response.

2 Points

Paragraph identifies a character trait to describe Billy and uses 1 or 2 examples to support the response.

1 Point

Paragraph identifies a character trait or uses 1 or 2 examples to support the response.

0 Points

Response provides insufficient material for scoring, is inaccurate, or incomplete